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I believe the proposed changes to the ACHP policy regarding the "Treatment of Human Remains and Grave Goods" is another effort to avoid dealing with NAGPRA issues, something that was finalized in 1990 by the passage of NAGPRA. Human remains should be respected and not disturbed in anyway, nor should it be studied by institutions or put on public display. These are "our" lineal descendants, not some object of interest to/for the scientific and archaeological communities. As according to Apache philosophy; "All human remains should be left alone and not disturbed for any reason". This I believe holds true for all indigenous people.

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